

Unit 23. Express preferences.

1. Write sentences using 'I prefer (something) to (something else)': put the verb into the correct form where necessary.

- a. (Drive / travel by train) I prefer driving to travelling by train.
- b. (Basketball / football) I prefer _____.
- c. (Phone people / send emails) I _____ to _____.
- d. (Go to the cinema / watch videos at home) _____.

Now rewrite sentences 3 and 4 using the structure 'I prefer to (do something)':

- e. (1) I prefer to drive rather than travel by train.
- f. (3) I prefer to _____.
- g. (4) _____.

2. Write sentences using I'd prefer ... and I'd rather ... + the following:

Eat at home ~~get a taxi~~ go alone wait a few minutes listen to some music
Stand go for a swim ~~wait till later~~ think about it for a while.

- a. Shall we walk home? (prefer) I'd prefer to get a taxi.
- b. Do you want to eat now? (rather) I'd rather wait till later.
- c. Would you like to watch TV? (rather) _____.
- d. Do you want to go to a restaurant? (prefer) _____.
- e. Let's leave now. (rather) _____.
- f. Shall we play tennis? (rather) _____.
- g. I think we should decide now. (prefer) _____.
- h. Would you like to sit down? (rather) _____.
- i. Do you want me to come with you? (prefer) _____.

3. Complete the sentences using 'would you rather I ...'

- a. Are you going to make dinner or would you rather I made it?
- b. Are you going to tell Liz what happened or would you rather _____
_____?
- c. Are you going to do the shopping or _____
_____?
- d. Are you going to phone Diane or _____
_____?

4. Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- a. 'Shall I tell Ann the news? 'No, I'd rather she didn't know'.
- b. Do you want me to go now or would you rather I _____ here?
- c. Do you want to go out this evening or would you rather _____
at home?
- d. This is a private letter addressed to me. I'd rather you _____
read it.
- e. I don't really like these shoes. I'd rather they _____ a different
colour.
- f. A: Do you mind if I turn on the radio?
B: I'd rather you _____. I'm trying to study.